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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

MEDIA NOTE: THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE A SHOULDER-TAP OR DECOY OPERATION. CONTACT DENA ERWIN AT ABOVE NUMBER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

This weekend, teams of law enforcement officers throughout Placer County will begin "party patrols" dedicated to reducing teen alcohol use and its associated dangers.

Placer County Health and Human Services has dedicated \$10,000 to law enforcement's efforts to address the serious issue of local teens illegally obtaining and drinking alcohol. Officers from the Sheriff's Department, Rocklin, Roseville and Lincoln police departments, as well as the California Highway Patrol, will respond to parties where alcohol is being served to underage teens.

Officers can and will cite any adult who hosts a party where alcohol is offered to those under the age of 21.

In addition, all local agencies are stepping up their "shoulder-tap" operations and will cite adults who purchase alcohol for a "decoy." Under-aged decoys will also be deployed to target retailers who may sell alcohol to minors. It is a misdemeanor to buy for or sell liquor to a minor. There are steep penalties associated with these crimes.

Fifty percent of Placer County high school students surveyed reported using alcohol and three out of every four stated that obtaining alcohol is easy or very easy. Parents are encouraged to keep alcohol in a locked cabinet.

The Rocklin Police Department is hosting a legal update with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for liquor vendors on Friday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is free and all vendors are welcome. The department is located at 4080 Rocklin Road.

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